

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alex Emmons.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Alex Emmons – Chairman  
Wayne Schuetter – Vice Chairman  
Rick Stradtner - Secretary  
Doug Schulte – Water Commissioner  
Mike Harder – Wastewater Commissioner  
Greg A. Krodel – Gas Commissioner  
Ken Sendelweck – Electric Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Ed Hollinden – Wastewater Manager  
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager  
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (B-16)

Chairman Alex Emmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (B-22)

Chairman Alex Emmons presented the minutes of the February 16, 2009, Regular Meeting and asked if there were any corrections or amendments.

Wayne Schuetter stated that a clarification needed to be made regarding the interruptible rates section. Jasper Municipal Utilities would not actually lose customers as metered customers, but as customers in our demand response program.

February 16, 2009 Regular Meeting: Page 10 under the heading “Electric Planning Committee Report” the minutes read “This means that Jasper Municipal Utilities could lose some large customers.”

Sandy Hemmerlein asked for the minutes to be corrected to read “This means that Jasper Municipal Utilities could lose some large customers to other demand response program providers.”

Wayne Schuetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009, Regular Meeting as corrected. Rick Stradtner seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **RESULTS OF DERRICK TRUCK QUOTE OPENING** (B-121)

Jerry Schitter reported that after the quote opening last month, he was surprised to see the large discrepancy between the high and low quotes. Normally the quotes are very competitive so he knew something was wrong.

Schitter said after reviewing the quotes, he determined that Altec Industries did not meet 3 of the specifications, and after talking with them determined that they could NOT meet those 3 specifications on lifting capacity, retractable jib, and controls. Schitter said his department did not write a set of specifications that all of the vendors could meet.

Schitter said he would like to give all of the vendors a fair chance to submit a competitive bid, so he suggested rejecting all of the quotes, re-writing the specifications, and requesting quotes again for the April meeting.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to reject all of the quotes. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **STACK TESTING** (B-193)

Windell Toby stated it is time to do the stack testing. The testing is done every other year. He asked for the Board’s permission to seek quotes for the testing.

Toby said he has to notify IDEM 35 days before the testing begins, which will be a little problematic since he is never quite sure when IMPA will schedule the Power Plant to operate. He will be contacting IMPA to work out a schedule.

Greg Krodel made a motion to allow Windell Toby to seek quotes for the stack testing. Wayne Schuetter seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Toby also stated that the Power Plant is currently not running and the employees have been working on rebuilding the dust collectors and have finished that project today.

#### **ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-216)

Ken Sendelweck, Chairman of the Electric Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

#### **UPDATE ON CHURCH AVE. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT** (B-217)

Mike Oeding stated the work is done from Giesler Road down to the tennis courts where the new storm sewer was put in.

Oeding informed the Board that a couple of issues arose that will add to the cost of the project. He said they had to move farther down the road toward the Schnitzelbank side of Giesler Road to get to the 8" main. The 6" main went farther than they thought it did. Two fittings and a small amount of extra pipe were needed.

Also, an additional valve is being installed at Brames and Church Avenue. This will allow them to fill the line, sanitize it, and get the services put back over in this area before the entire project is complete. The valve was an additional \$500.

#### **DODGE & PLYMOUTH STREETS WATER MAIN ELIMINATION** (B-239)

Oeding said with the additional help from the Power Plant employees, they are starting to eliminate some duplicate lines that are in the City. There was a 6" main that ran from the bottom of Plymouth and Dodge Streets up the hill to the water tower that had very little pressure. There were two other lines in that street, a 12" main and a transmission main that was put in when the new Water Plant was built. They are switching the services over to the 12" main and eliminating the 6" main.

#### **JANUARY UTILITY USAGE DUE MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>** (B-255)

Oeding stated that there had been some complaints as to why the customer's utility bills have been so high the last couple of months. He displayed a map of the United States that showed that Indiana had the 39<sup>th</sup> coldest December (2008) in the last 114 years, compared to the 67<sup>th</sup> coldest December (2007) in the last 113 years and the 14<sup>th</sup> coldest January (2009) in the last 115 years, compared to the 62<sup>nd</sup> coldest January (2008) in the last 114 years. This winter was a lot colder than last winter. This would increase customer's bills whether they had gas or electric heat.

#### **REQUEST FOR NON-RESIDENT WATER EXTENSION & CONNECTION** (B-291)

Oeding said he received a request for a non-resident water extension and connection from Sarah Chappell and Kurt Leinenbach. The area is west of 894 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Oeding said all is fine with him and that the City Engineer said an annexation waiver would need to be signed before the extension could take place.

The extension and connection would all be done at the owner's expense and when the work was done, the owner must donate the main back to the City. It will be an 8" main of approximately 650 feet.

Kurt Leinenbach stated that the annexation waiver had already been recorded at the Court House.

Greg Krodel made a motion to grant Sarah Chappell a non-resident water extension and connection west of 894 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street. (Sarah Chappell is the owner of the property.) Doug Schulte seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-343)

Greg Krodel, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

## **WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-344)

Doug Schulte, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

## **RESULTS OF LIFT STATION GENERATORS QUOTE OPENING** (B-347)

Ed Hollinden informed the Board that he reviewed the quotes for the lift station generators after last month's meeting and Evapar's quote of \$40,995 did meet the specifications. He asked for permission to order the generators. Hollinden said one generator will go to the lift station at Division Road and the other at the Middle School lift station.

Wayne Schuetter made a motion to accept the quote from Evapar for \$40,995 for two lift station generators. Ken Sendelweck seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

## **AWARD BID FOR DRYING BED PROJECT** (B-365)

Hollinden said he and City Engineer, Chad Hurm, reviewed the bids for the drying beds project and the low bid from Streicher Construction for \$67,729 did meet all of the specifications. Hollinden asked for permission to proceed with the project.

Sandy Hemmerlein stated she was contacted the day after the quote opening by Streicher Construction to point out that they had written down the number of \$67,729 for the bid but had written out in words \$69,729. Hemmerlein informed Streicher Construction that the Board would want to take the lowest bid of \$67,729 and if they were not able to honor this figure, they would need to withdraw their bid due to the clerical mistake. Streicher did submit a letter saying they would honor the \$67,729 bid.

Mike Harder made a motion to accept the low bid from Streicher Construction for the drying beds project for \$67,729. Doug Schulte seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

## **RESULTS OF CAMERA PURCHASE** (B-393)

Hollinden informed the Board he did purchase a camera at the Louisville Pumper and Cleaner show for \$11,021.65 after a 15% discount. The original price on the camera was \$12,966.65. He saved a little less than \$2,000. The camera is a Rigid and was purchased from Ferguson Enterprises.

## **DEEM DRY SLUDGE SPREADER SURPLUS** (B-414)

Hollinden asked to declare a 1990 floater dry sludge spreader as surplus so he can advertise to try and sell it. It is no longer used. There is also a 12,000 gallon tanker and trailer that was declared surplus in 1995 that was never able to be sold. Hollinden would also like to try and sell the tanker and trailer.

Mike Harder made a motion to deem the floater dry sludge spreader and tanker and trailer as surplus items and to put them up for sale. Wayne Schuetter seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

## **WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-445)

Mike Harder, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

## **UPDATE ON DISCONNECTS** (B-446)

Bud Hauersperger gave some information on the last billing cycle. There were 48 customers that were up for disconnection, which was double the usual number. Only 15 customers were actually disconnected. Within a day, most of the customers were reconnected.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS** (B-465)

Hauersperger stated that he has been reviewing renewable energy options for the Power Plant. He has a meeting later this week with Energy Systems Group, which is a subsidiary of Vectren. They will be looking to see if they have any ideas for the Power Plant. He also had a discussion and will be meeting soon with a biomass provider that has biomass equipment.

Hauersperger said at the last meeting it was discussed that a proposal would be obtained from an engineering company by April to help with the decision making process on the Power Plant. Hauersperger said this has been put on hold until he sees what happens with the Energy Systems Group meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET** (B-484)

Rick Stradtner reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Doug Schulte made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Wayne Schuetter seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM upon motion by Wayne Schuetter and second by Rick Stradtner. Motion approved, 7-0.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ without corrections this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairman